

CHAPTER 132.

RELATING TO THE RIGHTS, DUTIES AND RELATIONS BETWEEN PARENT AND CHILD
BY ADOPTION.

S. F. 156.

AN ACT to amend section three thousand two hundred and fifty three [3253] of the code relating to the rights, duties and relations between parent and child by adoption.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. **Right of inheritance.** That section 3253 of the code be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words:

"And the right of inheritance from each other shall be the same as between parent and children born in lawful wedlock."

Approved April 8, 1902.

CHAPTER 133.

FRIENDLESS CHILDREN.

H. F. 145.

AN ACT to repeal chapter eight (8) of title sixteen (16) of the code, and enact a substitute therefor relating to the care of friendless children, and the establishment, regulation and visitation of homes for friendless children.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. **Repealed.** That chapter eight (8) of title sixteen (16) of the code be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof.

SEC. 2. **Powers of societies.** Any society legally incorporated under the laws of the state of Iowa for the purpose of receiving, caring for, placing out for adoption, or in any way improving the condition of abandoned, abused, ill-treated, friendless, or orphan children, may receive, control and dispose of such minor children under the provisions of this act; and such corporations shall be the legal guardian of the persons of all children so surrendered to it, and may exercise all the rights and authority of the parents of such children in regulating the apprenticing and adoption thereof.

SEC. 3. **Surrender of children.** Children may be surrendered to such society by the father and mother jointly; by either father or mother, when the other is dead, or hopelessly insane, an habitual drunkard, has abandoned his family, is in prison for crime, or is an inmate or keeper of a house of ill-fame; by the mother alone if the child is illegitimate and in her care and custody; by any court of record or judge thereof, or any mayor, or justice of the peace in the county of the residence of such children or their parents, upon complaint made and proceedings had thereon as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. **Commitment.** Whenever it shall be made to appear to any court, judge, mayor, or justice of the peace, as above provided, that any child within his jurisdiction, by reason of orphanage, or neglect, abuse, crime, drunkenness, or gross immorality of one or both of the parents, or other persons having custody of such child, is abandoned [,] ill-treated, or friendless, or in circumstances tending to induce such child to lead a dissolute, immoral or vicious life, then it shall be the duty of such court or magistrate to take such child away from its parents or those having control thereof, and commit it to some society incorporated for that purpose, or to some other person or guardian, as may seem to be for the best interests of such child, and the society or person so adopting shall be required to keep such child if over seven (7) years of age and under fourteen (14) years of age in school during the school sessions of the school district in which said child is kept or in some parochial school for like period.